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RHEB EFFECTORS AS LEAD  
COMPOUNDS FOR DRUG  
DEVELOPMENT FOR DIABETES AND  
DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH  
ABNORMAL CELL GROWTH

Confirmation No.: 1659

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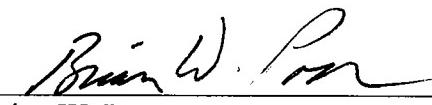
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